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RAILWAYS
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OUTSOURCING OF PARCEL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue earned by the Railways annually from its parcel services;

(b) whether the Railways have now decided to outsource its parcel services; (

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways are also planning to introduce barcode to help track parcels through online;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): The total revenue earned by the Railways annually from its parcel services for the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount
2004-05	487.37
2005-06	577.21
2006-07	793.00

(b): No outsourcing has been done. However, with a view to maximise the utilisation of Brakevans and thereby increase earnings, Railways had launched a scheme for leasing of parcel space in Brakevans (Second class, Luggage cum brakevan) of passenger carrying trains.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) to (f): At present it is proposed to take up barcoding of parcels on an experimental basis on one pair of trains running between Delhi-Howrah on an experimental basis to assess the efficacy of the system in tracking and tracing of parcels using the parcel Management System which also has been taken up as a pilot project on the Delhi-Howrah Corridor. Based on the outcome of the trials a final decision would be taken on introduction of barcoding of parcels.